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# Office Action Summary

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BOE ET AL.

Examiner

Yehdega Retta

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 September 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-87 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 29-87 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.  
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_ 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Election/Restrictions***

Newly submitted claims 29-87 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons:

- Group I. Claims 1-28, drawn to providing survey and collecting information, classified in class 705, subclass 10.
- Group II. Claims 29-74 and 79-87 drawn to providing targeted marketing report, classified in class 705, subclass 14.
- Group III. Claims 75-78, drawn to encrypting, validating and providing access to a data, classified in class 705, subclass 50.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 29-87 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-7, 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Moran U.S. Patent No. 6,430,542.

Regarding claims 1-7, Moran teaches storing data associated with the responses to customer questions; providing customer with option to adjust or change the demographic data; processing the data and displaying feedback information, graphically illustrating data associated with the customer and receiving and processing data associated with the feedback data... (see col. 2 line 61 to col. 3 line 18, col. 7 line 23 to col. 9 line 20, col. 11 lines 21 to col. 17 line 53, col. 20 line 5 to col. 28 line 65 and col. 30 line 41 to col. 31 line 15).

Claims 15-17 are rejected as stated above in claims 1-7.

Claims 23-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Horowitz et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,349,290.

Regarding claims 23-25, Horowitz teaches interface operable to interact with a data processing system associated with a business and interface operable to interact with a data processing system associated with a customer and a system operable to supply the data processing system with target marketing reports dynamically generated based on a set of decision rules based on data received from the customer (col. 3 line 44 to col. 4 line 67, col. 16 line 25 to col. 17 line 47, col. 31 line 8 to col. 34 line 2).

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are

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such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 8-14, 18-22 and 26-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moran U.S. Patent No. 6,430,542 and further in view of Horowitz et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,349,290.

Regarding claims 8 and 9, 18 and 19, Moran teaches providing online option to the customer (see col. 10 lines 7-60), however failed to teach providing option to apply for purchase of products or services It is taught by Horowitz (see col. 2 lines 59-65 and col. 28 lines 57-67). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine survey system and method and Horowitz's automated customization and personalization product and service message presentation system and method in order to sell product or services to customers who would likely subscribe to such services and/or products, as taught by Horowitz (see col. 2 lines 59-65).

Regarding claims 10, 11, 13, 14, 20, 22 and 26-28 Moran teaches storing data associated with responses to customer questions; providing customs with options to change the profile and receiving and processing the data and displaying to customer standing of the customer with the selected peer group; receiving customer identification number and matching the customer identification number with a data; providing goal planner ... (see col. 11 line 3 to col. 16 line 24, col. 20 lines 52 to col. 22 line 55, col. 24 line 48 to col. 25 line 16, col. 28 line 32 to col. 29 line 56, col. 30 line 54 to col. 34 line 48). Moran does not explicitly teach receiving business identification number and matching the number with a data and generating data sets for display and providing a business with compiled customer profile information, it is taught by Horowitz (see col. 31 line 27 to col. 33 line 56). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the

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art at the time of the invention to combine Moran's financial planner and Horowitz's automated customization and personalization product and service message presentation system and method in order to provide tailored offerings to customers to satisfy specific customer needs, as taught by Horowitz (see col. 1 line 65 to col. 2 line 65).

Regarding claims 12 and 21 Moran does not explicitly teach percentage completion and recent visit of the survey system. Official notice is taken that is old and well known in the art of database to store data entered and to provide stored information to customer, including last accessed date. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to store information, entered by a customer, and to provide access to the information in order to update the information for the purpose of saving time.

### *Conclusion*

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Cannon U.S. Patent No. 6,286,005 teaches analyzing data and advertising optimization.

Easy et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,189,008 teaches dynamic digital asset management.

Lang et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,983,214 teaches individual user content-based data and user collaborative feedback data to evaluate the content of an information entity.

Mosquera et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,505,202 teaches finding information that satisfies a profile and product output.

Rapaport et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,890,152, personal feedback browser for obtaining media files.

Albright et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,012,043 teaches computerized user financial planning.

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Jones et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,021,397 teaches financial advisory system.

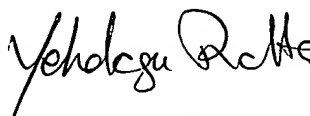
Williams et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,999,918 teaches Interactive color confidence indicators for statistical data.

Maggioncalda et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,012,044 teaches user interface for a financial advisory system.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yehdega Retta whose telephone number is (703) 305-0436. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eric Stamber can be reached on (703) 305-8469. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9326.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.



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